



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of

Shila JALALI *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/724,836

Filed: November 28, 2000

Title: MICROTITER PLATE FORMAT DEVICE
AND METHOD FOR SEPARATING
DIFFERENTLY CHARGED MOLECULES
USING AN ELECTRIC FIELD

Group Art Unit: 1753

Examiner: Mutschler, B.L.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group I claims (claims 1-32) drawn to a system for separating sample molecules.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the above election or the application in general, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at his convenience.

Favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2003, in connection with the above application.

2. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

five months

\$1,005.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

3. Fee Payment

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1,005.00 for one-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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4. Constructive Petition

- ☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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